

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the
Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I have been given to understand that it is the intention of the FCC,
unless stopped by intense public outcry,
to try to remove what remaining safeguards of capitalism remain in the
ownership rules, opening the field
for complete monopoly dominance, a condition that might fairly be called
the exact opposite of genuine "capitalist"
competition. Of course, this change would also lead to even worse service
to the public and the nation from
corporations like Clearchannel and even larger piles of blubber like
AOL/Time-Warner, firms which have already
conclusively demonstrated their utter disregard for both.

I have no real belief that the FCC, or the Senators whose staff will
receive and destroy this email, have any interest
in defending the public's right to free, fair, and competitive media, or
the interests of the nation in communicating
amongst its populace in open and untrammelled fashion, but as a sweetsop
for the bitter taste in my mouth, I am writing
to discourage you from throwing away what little use and value remains in
large-scale broadcast media for this former
republic.

Thank you,

A. Soroka, broadcasting from Charlottesville, Virginia, a town with the
blessing of several public and NPR radio stations
and good PBS coverage, along with a bunch of crap on the rest of the dial,
and one decent AM news station, sticking it out
in a noble last stand.